Español 2 with Sra. Prine

Prairieview School 2010-11



Our classroom environment:

Respect is the most important thing in our classroom environment! It is of the utmost importance that you respect me, each other, and our classroom. It is *your* RESPONSIBILITY to behave in a way that shows RESPECT for…

**Yourself**

Be intellectually honest

Do quality work

Speak up if you have concerns or needs

Set appropriate boundaries

**Others**

Honor diversity

Honor space

**Time**

Honor yours, mine, and ours

**Property**

Take care of things (whether they belong to you, to your neighbor, to me, or to our school)

**Rules**

Know the rules for both our school and our Spanish class

**What do I need for Spanish class?**

The most important thing you need this year is not something you will go out and purchase. It’s participation in class – every day that class meets. You need to be in class!!! If you miss class, you miss HUGE amounts of input in the language and practice.

**You will also need a three-ring binder with 5 tabs.** It's helpful to get pocket inserts for loose papers. You will need your binder as soon as possible. I will be checking it off on Monday August 30. Don’t forget loose-leaf notebook paper and pen, pencil. Every so often, there will be a notebook quiz. Keep it organized!!!

**How is my grade determined in this class?**

Within all assignments, quizzes, tests and projects, your **final** grade for the quarter and semester will be determined in this method:

*Culture- 5%*

*Vocabulary 10%*

*Structure- 15%*

*Listening Comprehension- 15%*

*Reading Comprehension- 15%*

*Speaking- 20%*

*Writing- 20%*

For example: You are given a speaking assignment about Argentina for 40 points. You will be graded on Culture, Vocabulary, Structure and Speaking.

If you score 10 out of 10 on the culture portion of this assignment, it still will only count as 5% of your quarter/semester grade. The same is true with the other categories. If you score 10/10 on the Speaking portion, you help your final grade more because it is 10% of your final grade.

***Semester Exam:***

Your semester exam will be graded in the same manner. The grade for this exam will be divided into The Categories and added to your quarter grade.

***Homework Policy:***

Homework is practice! Sometimes homework will be graded and other times it will be marked in PowerSchool as a “Check Mark” for complete or an “X” for incomplete. When the homework is graded, it will be graded on the same percentage scale as outlined in the previous paragraph.

All homework (excluding projects) has the chance to be finished or fixed up until the summative assignment (exam). On graded homework (NOT projects) the lowest grade you can receive is a 50%. **You are responsible for making the arrangements for finishing your work.**

***Late Work:***

All homework and projects are due at the BEGINNING of class on the due date. After that, the project will lose 10% each day it is late. Hand things in on time!

**Participation**

*To have a great grade, work on the items in the positive column*



## Positive Column

*Use the Spanish language to communicate whenever possible*

*Have, organize and use binder/notebook effectively*

*Pay attention/follow directions*

*Listen when others talk*

*Do all the gestures*

Act in the stories (and this means showing emotion!)

Contribute new ideas or vocabulary to a story  
Volunteer for retells

***Positive***

# Prepared Participating

***Polite***

Ask and answer questions

Help other students learn   
Contribute ideas for mnemonic (memory) devices  
Encourage and/or praise others  
   
Demonstrate good sportsmanship  
Put forth extra effort

Allow yourself to have fun and enjoy yourself in class!

**Negative Column**   
Not pay attention/follow directions  
Write or read something for another class

Pass notes (in English)  
Not bring materials to class  
Do not try

Use English language to communicate (when inappropriate)



Show disrespect to others

Make negative comments and put-downs (HATE SPEECH)

(language is NEVER used as a weapon in this class)

*Interrupt when someone else is talking*

*Be off-task*

*Distract others*

*Not practice with a partner when time is given*

*Be too serious…no fun*

By making choices in the negative column, it will be impossible for you to succeed! A positive attitude and effort makes for a positive grade.

**What if I make a mistake in class?**Mistakes when acquiring a new language are normal, natural and…. EXPECTED!!! Even students with a high degree of proficiency in the language will make many errors when speaking or writing. Remember that while laughing at your self or with others is encouraged, making fun of others will not be tolerated. Relax and have fun participating in class and your Spanish will improve quickly!

**Quizzes**

Most quizzes will be **unannounced**. Often the quizzes will be matching, vocabulary identification, true/false, or a short dictation. There will be at least one vocabulary quiz a week which will be **unannounced.** Any word we have learned is fair game on a vocabulary quiz. In order to be successful, I recommend studying the words a few times a week as well as making flashcards.

**Tests**

Tests will generally span several of the previously stated categories in determining your grade.

Tests might include:

* A reading with questions that follow to be answered
* A story to write or a timed writing on a given topic/situation
* Sentences to translate from Spanish to English
* Listening comprehension
* Multiple choice, etc.

**Speaking assessment**



At a later date you will be given a rubric which will explain speaking tests. We will practice the assessment format. The best advice is to participate ALL THE TIME in class so that when it comes time to be tested, this will feel natural and “easy”. In addition to speaking tests your final exam each semester will have a spoken component.

**What if I’m absent?**

Exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses with your “compañero de leer” (reading partner) or your “grupo de conversación” (conversation group). If you happen to miss class one day you can call to find out what we did and what new words/concepts were learned. You WILL be responsible for the new vocabulary the next time class meets. There is also a book on the counter in the classroom which will contain information about the previous class or classes that you missed. CHECK THE BOOK. Do not ask Señora what you missed. There are also 2 trays located on the purple counter that will contain handouts from the week. Locate your class (Spanish I or II) and select the handout you need. If you have missed a quiz or a test YOU need to make arrangements with Señora to make it up. As per school policy, you will have **2 days** for each absence to make the assignment up. After that time has elapsed, and if you have not had a conversation with Señora, that assignment will turn to a 0 in the gradebook.

***My Philosophy***



I believe that **ALL** students can acquire a second language. I have a passion for World Languages and I will do all that I can to help you acquire Spanish. By making a commitment: showing up to every class and participating, you will make significant progress this year and receive a grade that reflects that progress. I know that this is going to be a fun and exciting year...full of laughs and success for all.

***Señora Prine***

**¡Bienvenidos!** (Welcome!)

Please sign this sheet to indicate that you have read and understand the classroom policies and procedures.

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Parents/Guardians, please sign this sheet to indicate that you have read and understand the classroom policies and procedures.

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